

California State Athletic Commission

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Statement by California State Athletic Commission Assistant Executive Officer Bill Douglas

On Monday, March 23, 2009, the California State Athletic Commission suspended the authorization previously given to USA Boxing to regulate amateur boxing in California and resumed the role as regulator of amateur boxing in California until further notice.

The following is an update on the situation by California Athletic Commission Assistant Executive Officer Bill Douglas:

"The Commission is dedicated to California's talented amateur athletes and will work hard to ensure the continued vitality of their sport. The Commission stands ready to assist USA Boxing members in any way possible.

"We have set up a dedicated phone line, 916-263-2196, to handle inquiries from concerned athletes and members of USA Boxing and have been in contact with the leadership of each local boxing club to advise them how future events should be organized and approved.

"All of the Commission's efforts are focused on the best interests of the athletes and our resources are committed to assuring these athletes can continue to enjoy the discipline and satisfaction of competition.

"The Commission will regulate amateur boxing in California and will oversee any tournaments approved by the Commission. Amateur tournaments may be approved by the Commission through the licensing process."